financial assistance is provided by the Department of Tourism, Government of India to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for development and maintenance of infrastructure including wayside amenities, upgradation-cum-expansion of existing tourist facilities etc.

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1759. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to sign MoU with other States particularly Tamil Nadu on the lines of signing MoU with Uttar Pradesh as reported in Indian Express dated 22nd February, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the details for the development of tourism in Tamil Nadu and other States of the country?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. ITDC & Tamil Nadu State Tourism Development Corporation Ltd. have signed a MoU on 15th Feb. 2002 stipulating joint efforts for mutual benefits and promotion of tourism in the State of Tamil Nadu. As per MoU, ITDC will provide its services in the areas of Marketing & Reservation Services including Travels & Tours, Airline Ticketing; Event Management; Publicity & Printing of Tourist Literature; Setting up Duty Free/Paid Shops; Human Resource Development; Development of Heritage Properties; Project Implementation and Technical & Economic Consultancy Services.

(c) Does not arise.